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1. Soviet workers said that the airfield of Penza (45° 0'E/53°12'N), Penza Oblast, was on a plateau about 2 km northeast of PW Camp No. 7399/13 and 500 meters east of Prunze Aircraft Plant. The field could not be observed from the PW camp.
2. Ten long, well built hangars of wartime origin and a concrete runway were allegedly at the field. A heavily trafficked approach road was said to lead to the field.
3. The following aircraft were observed in the air: single engine fighters with a tail wheel, and called Migs by Soviets, which flew in formations of up to 12; twin-engine and four-engine planes flying in formations of up to 40; and four-engine planes from which forty-four parachute jumps were made over the field in October 1944.
4. Soviet laborers said that pilot barrack buildings were on a plateau about 400 meters from the field. The shape and black tarred roofs of the barracks, which were allegedly well built five-to six-story, fully occupied buildings, could be seen from the PW camp 3-kms away. The capacity of the barracks was allegedly about 1,000 men.

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